

HIS MAJESTY having been pleased, of His Royal Grace and Bounty, to Renew His Brief to the distressed French Protestants, who have taken Refuge in these His Kingdoms; therein again most affectionately recommending their deplorable Condition to the Charity of all His well-disposed Subjects: It is thought fit to give some account, How the Money, that was Collected upon the last Brief for the French Protestants, was disposed of. Both for the satisfying those, who have Contributed to it, that their Charity was not abused, nor misapplied; but employed it to the Uses they designed it: And also, for the encouraging them, and all others, freely and chearfully to join in this New Contribution for them: The Reasons and Occasions of which, are set forth in the Brief.

An Extract out of the Books of Accounts; how the Money, collected for the French Protestants upon His Majesty's last Letters Patents, hath been Distributed; which Accounts were examined and audited, from time to time, by Sir William Turner, Sir William Gostlyn, and Sir Peter Vandeputt, who were deputed thereto by the Commissioners for the Charity.

THE number of those French Protestants who have been Relieved by this Charity, does amount to about Fifteen thousand Five hundred Persons. viz. Thirteen thousand

Five hundred in and about *London*, and Two thousand at the several Sea-port Towns, where they landed.

Of these, there are One hundred and Forty Families of Persons of Quality.

One hundred forty three Ministers with their Families.

One hundred forty four Families of Lawyers, Physicians, Merchants and Citizens.

The rest are Artificers, Husbandmen, &c.

The Persons of Quality and their Families have been hitherto constantly supplied by Weekly Allowances; their young Children have been put Apprentices to the best Trades; and for those of them that have been bred Soldiers, they have been Equipped, and disposed of; Some of them into His Majesties Troops, to the number of One hundred and fifty, or thereabouts, and others into *Germany*, or the Northern Parts.

The Ministers likewise, with their Families, have been maintained by constant Pensions, and their Children put out, some to be Apprentices, and others into the Service of Persons of Quality.

A Weekly Allowance hath likewise been given to all Sick Persons, and to such who, by their Age, were incapable of Work, according to their respective Necessities.

And for the common sort of People, Tradesmen, Artificers, Husbandmen, and others, of such Condition, the most part of them have been settled in the Way or Art they were bred to, by providing them with Instruments or Tools for their several Occasions, together with other Necessaries. Some likewise have been put in a way for the *West-Indies*, to the number of Six hundred. And others have been put into Service where they could get it.

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Besides all this, Fifteen *French* Churches have been erected by the means of this Collection; namely, Three in *London*, and Twelve in the several Counties, over and above those that were erected before.

And though it cannot easily be conceived, how Forty thousand Pounds (which is the whole of the Collection) should so well, and for so long a time, afford Support and Relief to a number of near Sixteen thousand People, all Strangers, and (who came hither) most of them perfectly naked and destitute! Yet so it is, That through the prudent Conduct of the Commissioners, whom His Majesty did intrust with this Charity, and the Care and Management of those who acted under them, the Relief hath been every where sufficient, and as well suited as might be, to the Necessities, and to the Qualities, of the distressed People; some Families having had a Hundred Pounds each: So that none have been reduced to publick Beggery. And those chiefly, who went over to the *West-Indies*, had very large and comfortable Assistance and Relief.

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